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§ 676.9 Student eligibility.

A student at an institution of higher education is eligible to receive an FSEOG for an award year if the student—

(a) Meets the relevant eligibility requirements contained in 34 CFR 668.32;

(b) Is enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate student at the institution; and

(c) Has financial need as determined in accordance with part F of title IV of the HEA. A member of a religious order (an order, community, society, agency, or organization) who is pursuing a course of study at an institution of higher education is considered to have no financial need if that religious order—

(1) Has as its primary objective the promotion of ideals and beliefs regarding a Supreme Being;

(2) Requires its members to forego monetary or other support substantially beyond the support it provides; and

(3) Directs the member to pursue the course of study or provides subsistence support to its members.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070b-1, 1070b-2 and 1091)

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§ 676.10 Selection of students for FSEOG awards.

(a)(1) In selecting among eligible students for FSEOG awards in each award year, an institution shall select those students with the lowest expected family contributions who will also receive Federal Pell Grants in that year.

(2) If the institution has FSEOG funds remaining after giving FSEOG awards to all the Federal Pell Grant recipients at the institution, the institution shall award the remaining FSEOG funds to those eligible students with the lowest expected family contributions who will not receive Federal Pell Grants.

(b) *Part-time and independent students.* If an institution's allocation of FSEOG funds is directly or indirectly based in part on the financial need demonstrated by students attending the institution as less-than-full-time or inde-

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pendent students, a reasonable portion of the allocation must be offered to those students.

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§§ 676.11-676.15 [Reserved]

§ 676.16 Payment of an FSEOG.

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (e) of this section, an institution shall pay in each payment period a portion of an FSEOG awarded for a full academic year.

(2) The institution shall determine the amount paid each payment period by the following fraction:

$$\frac{\text{FSEOG}}{N}$$

where:

FSEOG=the total FSEOG awarded for an academic year and N=the number of payment periods that the institution expects the student will attend in that year.

(3) An institution may pay the student, within each payment period, at such times and in such amounts as it determines best meets the student's needs.

(b) If a student incurs uneven cost or resources during an academic year and needs additional funds in a particular payment period, the institution may pay FSEOG funds to the student for those uneven costs.

(c) An institution shall disburse funds to a student or the student's account in accordance with the provisions in § 668.164.

(d)(1) The institution shall return to the FSEOG account any funds paid to a student who, before the first day of classes—

(i) Officially or unofficially withdraws; or

(ii) Is expelled.

(2) A student who does not begin class attendance is deemed to have withdrawn.

(e) Only one payment is necessary if the total amount the institution awards a student for an academic year under the FSEOG program is less than \$501.